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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A special quota of 750 tons of sugar was allotted by the Government of India from North Indian Factories in October, 1959.

A monthly quota of 10,000 tons has been fixed for this State by the Government of India and this is released every month, from the factories in this State as also from the factories in Andhra Pradesh, Mysore and North Indian States.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that the price of sugar is still on the high side and that it is not available in co-operative stores like the T.U.C.S.?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The requirement of this State has been assessed to be 10,000 tons per month and this quantity is now allotted from the factories of this State and of other States. This is distributed through recognized dealers and co-operative societies, and, therefore, there should be no difficulty in the availability of sugar from these dealers and co-operative societies and in its being available for the price that has been fixed.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know what has happened to the proposal for forming a South Zone to regulate the supply of sugar in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : About sugar, Madras State has been declared to be a separate zone so that there might not be any movement of sugar from this State to other States.

MR. SPEAKER : We have only ten minutes more and have 14 questions left. I would request the co-operation of the hon. Members to finish these early.

*Co-operative farming on temple lands*

* 165 *Q*.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM,
SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR,
SRI T. T. DANIEL : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many societies of Co-operative farming through tenants' co-operatives on temple lands are functioning now in our State;

(*b*) where are they functioning;

(*c*) the extent of lands cultivated by these societies; and

(*d*) what are the main features of these societies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) *to* (*d*) Particulars have been called for from the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments and his report is awaited.